

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is presumably obligated by law to serve the public interest. A company which airs a partisan political program is in effect making a barter contribution to that political campaign, and consequently is an evasion of campaign finance law.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules and FCC oversight, not weaken them. Using public airwaves to circumvent campaign finance law and promote special interests is an equal if not greater crime than sexually titillating content - penalty is in order. Thank you.